

**SEMHAC
PEOPLE WHO CARE (PWC) COMMITTEE MEETING
DETROIT HEALTH DEPARTMENT 7th Floor Chapel
June 30, 2003 6 – 8pm**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Paula Sirls
Calvin Scarber, Co-Chair
Catherine Williams, Co-Chair
Elizabeth Dawsey
Charles Turner
Felix Sirls
Maxine Lee
Richard Spalding
Reverend James Curry
Dannie Jones
Milton Evans
Greg Cherry
Leon Smith
Keith Meeks
James Jenkins
Jonsea Nelson
Eddie Hollis
Ronney Bishop
James Brewer
Grayling Daniel
Marion Williams
Cathy Gholston
Clarence Smoot
Lisa Weathers
Pat Jacobs

SEMHAC/HIV/AIDS STAFF

Brenda Shelton, HOPWA
Karla Handley, Sr. Program Consultant

GUESTS

Ada Mason
James Alexander
Jesse Bateau
Brianna Gholston
Desiree Gholston
Beatrice Wilson
Valerie Freeman
Johnnie Mae Alexander
Ondra Perrin
Manesia Patterson
Ali Ali

Co-Chairs, Catherine Williams and Calvin Scarber called the regularly scheduled meeting of the PWC Committee of the Southeastern Michigan HIV/AIDS Council to order, at 6:20 PM in the 7th Floor Chapel at the Detroit Health Department. The minutes of the last meeting on 5/19, and today's Agenda were read and approved with minor corrections. Felix Sirls requested that it be reiterated that only those who are PLWHAs, and members of the PWC Committee are authorized to vote. Liz Dawsey pointed out, however, that such a stipulation does not appear in the SEMHAC bylaws.

Co-Chair's Report

Calvin Scarber stated that Greg McAllister is available to do an in service on leadership, on almost any day. Several members felt that, because of the issues currently being experienced by Men of Color, the timing would not be right for Greg to do leadership training. An informal decision was made not to proceed.

Presentation by Guest

Jesse Bateau, a PhD student at WSU, requested volunteer participation for a study that he is doing for his dissertation, and explained that the research would deal with measuring how participation in SEMHAC by PWAs affects the health of an individual, and conversely, how one's health is affected by participation. Also, he is interested in finding out what motivates people to become involved "at this level".

SEMHAC Committee Reports

Needs Assessment – Jonsea Nelson reported that a decision had been made by the Needs Assessment Committee earlier in the day not to do a Needs Assessment for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. It is not mandated by Ryan White that one be done every year.

Long Range Planning - Keith Meeks, the Co-Chair, discussed attending a support group at the Ruth Ellis Center and the importance of remaining connected with them.

By Laws – No Report

Media Marketing – No Report

Resource and Fiscal Development – Keith Meeks reported that Joy Schumacher, the chair of this committee, was influential in having \$150,000 reallocated to Goal # 6 of the Strategic Plan, Information Technology, to allow all providers to input information into the same database to prevent duplication of services.

Evaluation – No report

Prioritization & Allocation – Dannie Jones explained what the P&A Committee is responsible for and requested that interested individuals join the P&A Committee to become a part of the process that begins in August. One third of the committee must be unaligned PWAs, and this is a great opportunity for the voice of this committee to be heard.

SEMHAC Staff Update

No Report. Motion was made and passed to table report until the next meeting on July 28.

Old Business

Liz Dawsey made a motion that a Body to Body meeting be held every other month, one week prior to the PWC meeting, to orient new members. The motion carried. Another motion was made by Liz to have the first new member orientation on July 21 if arrangements can be made for a room on that date. The motion passed. Catherine requested that everyone RSVP for meetings so that the appropriate amount of food may be ordered. The number to call for taxi service or to RSVP is (313) 876-4846. Please call back if there is no answer.

New Business

Brenda Shelton, of HOPWA, gave a report on HAPI and told interested individuals to contact her at (313) 876-0982. A motion was made to revise the PWC mission statement to include both infected and affected individuals as members of the committee. Brenda Shelton asked who in PWC is teaching people to advocate? She believes that PWC should educate new attendees so that they will want to return and be active. Felix asked new attendees to share their impression of today's meeting. The two AIDS Walks in September are: Steppin' Out in Royal Oak on Sunday September 21, and Michigan AIDS Walk at Comerica Park in Detroit on Saturday September 27.

Announcements

The Needs Assessment Forum for PWA's, which is being conducted by the state, will be held on Friday July 25 at the African American Museum in Detroit. A Forum will also be held in Pontiac for those who prefer to go there.

Next Meeting is Monday July 28, 2003 in the 7th Floor Chapel from 6 – 8PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15

Minutes transcribed by Karla Hand ley _____ Date _____

Co-Chair's signature _____ Date _____